

HOUSING THAT WORKS

By planning for new growth and expediting permitting, we are promoting the construction of new housing needed to attract and retain our workforce.

ABOUT

Multiple studies have demonstrated that the Commonwealth needs more housing, particularly multifamily housing, to attract and retain the workers who fuel the state's innovation economy. EOHE is working to achieve a first-in-the-nation statewide housing production goal of creating 10,000 multi-family housing units per year through 2020. The "Housing that Works" initiative is particularly focused on promoting multi-family housing in city and town centers, near transit and well-connected to employment. It is one element of the overall strategy to foster the creation of neighborhoods where people can Live, Work and Play.

BY THE NUMBERS

Multi-family building permits jumped in the first year covered by the goal—from **5,479 in 2012 to 8,607 in 2013**.

STRATEGY

IDENTIFY Land Use Priority Plans for 35% of cities/towns so far

PROMPT & PREDICTABLE PERMITTING As of right zoning (e.g., Chapter 40R) or expedited permitting (e.g., Chapter 43D)

INVEST Infrastructure grants to cities/towns to support multi-family housing in mixed use areas

MARKET Developer tours in Merrimack Valley, Metro North and elsewhere



Ink Block, South End, Boston



Counting House Lofts, Lowell

NEXT STEPS

Work with cities/towns to find opportunities for re-zoning or housing production using technical assistance grants and incentive tools

Measure progress towards production goals using U.S. Census data and reporting by cities and towns.